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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the POTSDAM Area

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The following information was obtained on Soviet troops in the POTSDAM (N 53/Z 63) area.

1 to 4 October 1949

1. Panzer Kaserne, about three miles north of POTSDAM on the FAHRLAND (N 53/Z 54) - GROSSGLIENICKE (N 53/Z 64) highway:

a. Still occupied by Tank Unit                     , Mortar Unit                      and Infantry Unit                      25X1C  
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b. Six JS tanks and two armored vehicles with turrets mounted somewhat to the side were observed with the tank unit, with which 1st Lt PEYOKOV was identified.

c. Truck                      towing a 120-mm mortar and belonging to the mortar unit was observed leaving the kaserne toward POTSDAM.                      25X1C  
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e. The troops quartered in the kaserne were estimated at 2,700.

4 and 5 October 1949

2. Artillerie Kaserne west of Jungfernsee: Still occupied by Artillery Unit                      The unit had about a thousand troops, most of them wearing war decorations.

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5 and 6 October 1949

## 3. Artillerie Kaserne north of Pfingstberg. Still occupied by:

a. Signal unit of about two hundred troops, all wearing war decorations. Three high radio masts were seen in the kaserne area.

b. AAA unit, quartered in the northern kaserne section. Six trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops and towing 76.2-mm AA guns, entered the kaserne area. [redacted] were seen:

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c. (1) Engineer unit of two to three hundred troops, quartered in the southern kaserne section. Some of the troops wore the silver crossed-hammer insignia.

(2) [redacted]

6 October 1949

## 4. Infanterie Kaserne on Am Gehragen, corner of Pappelallee:

a. Officer courses, each attended by 200 to 250 students, were allegedly conducted in the kaserne. Most of the students wore war decorations. They were instructed by 30 to 40 field officers, some of whom wore artillery insignia.

b. [redacted] were again observed in connection with this kaserne.

c. All motor vehicles parked in front of the kaserne were modern staff cars [redacted]

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d. The kaserne guards came from the former Keeres Kriegsschule.

7 October 1949

## 5. Keeres Kriegsschule in the western part of Pappelallee:

a. Still occupied by a kommandatura unit of about two hundred troops and some air force officers.

b. Several biplanes were in the small hangar on the southern perimeter of Bornstedter Field. Two biplanes were daily observed to take off toward [redacted] (SS/SS).

c. The Soviet dependents' school was in one kaserne building. Children were picked up by bus [redacted]

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6. Garde Ebanen Kaserne south of Pappelallee and east of Tuinenberg: Still occupied by Units [ ] totaling about 150 troops. Soldiers observed in the Kaserne wore black-bordered red epaulets and war decorations. 25X1C

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7. Former hospital between Voltaireweg and Brandhorstweg: Lightly occupied by 100 to 150 patients. The hospital personnel numbered about 20.

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8. Former Infanterie Kaserne west of Jaegerallee: Still occupied by kommandatura units of about five hundred troops, most being older soldiers with war decorations.

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9. Former Infanterie Kaserne east of Jaegerallee: 25X1C

- a. Ammunition supply depot was recently established. [ ] 25X1

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- b. An artillery unit which had been in this Kaserne left for an unidentified destination in August or September 1949.

Comment:

- a. The following component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) were confirmed in the KRAUTHITZ Kaserne (para 1) up to 4 October 1949:

63rd Gds Tank Regt (Cadre), [ ]  
248th Gds Mort Bn (Cadre), [ ]

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- c. This is the first mention that the artillery unit (GH) unit of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany, previously quartered in the former Heeres Unteroffizierschule (Infanterie Kaserne) east of Jaegerallee had left POTSDAM.

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